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TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary
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SUBJECT: Report of the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB)

PRESENTED BY: Vice-Chair Lynn Harrison

RECOMMENDATION: For Information Only

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:

LWCB Vice-Chair Lynn Harrison will provide a report to the ATCP Board concerning significant activities and concerns of the LWCB.

The areas the LWCB focused on within the past year:

County Annual Work Plans

The LWCB endorsed improvements in work planning and reporting for county grant recipients with the goal of increasing accountability and documenting the work being accomplished in the counties. In this first year of the new work plan requirements, all 72 counties submitted annual work plans with specific measurable benchmarks for planned activities including describing activities in standardized reporting categories related to agriculture. Each year counties will be expected to report on their progress in meeting these planned activities. The LWCB will continue to work with DNR and others to coordinate the use of these work plans.

Mid-Term Reviews of County Plans

As part of the transition to 10 year approvals of Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plans, the LWCB established a requirement that counties submit to a LWCB-conducted review of their implementation activities during the first five years of their approved plans. In April, Waupaca County's 10 year LWRM plan was the first to have a 5 year review completed.

Adequate Support for Conservation

The LWCB plans to share information with state agencies as they prepare the budgets. The LWCB, through its chair, will prepare a statement of support for conservation funding and programs. The ATCP Board prepared a resolution in 2015 with a similar focus.

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